

Great Read Alouds

Stanley's Party Bailey, Linda E Bailey

Goodnight Moon Brown, Margaret Wise E Brown

Mr. Grumpy's Outing Burningham, John E Burningham

"Slowly, slowly, slowly," Said the Sloth Carle, Eric E Carle

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type Cronin, Doreen E Cronin

Turtle Splash! Countdown at the Pond Falwell, Cathryn E Falwell

Barnyard Banter Fleming, Denise E Fleming

Time For Bed Fox, Mem E Fox

Commotion in the Ocean Giles, Andreae E Giles

Wemberly Worried Henkes, Kevin E Henkes

Rosie's Walk Hogrogian, Nonny E Hogrogian

The Seals on the Bus Hort, Lenny E Hort

Hoodwinked Howard, Arthur E Howard

Kipper's A to Z Inkpen, Mick E Inkpen

Giant Steps Lored, Elizabeth E Lored

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Martin, Bill E Martin

A Huge Hog is a Big Pig McCall, Francis & Patricia Keeler E McCall

Officer Buckle and Gloria Rathmann, Peggy E Rathmann

Rattletrap Car Root, Phyllis E Root

Dr. Seuss's ABC Seuss, Dr. E Seuss

Duck on a Bike Shannon, David E Shannon

Sheep in a Jeep Shaw, Nancy E Shaw

Tops & Bottoms Stevens, Janet J 398.2 Stevens

Rain Stojic, Manya E Stojic

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat Taback, Simms E Taback

Drat That Fat Cat! Thomson, Pat E Thomson

Henny-Penny Wattenberg, Jane E Wattenberg

I Went Walking Williams, Sue E Williams

A Chair for My Mother Williams, Vera B. E Williams

Bear Snores On Wilson, Karma E Wilson

Quite possibly, the single most important thing a parent or caregiver can do to prepare for a child's success in school is read aloud to the child. Many children's books contain elements to help your child develop reading skills. Look for books with rhymes, repetition, rhythm, new vocabulary, the alphabet, sounds of consonants, vowels and letter blends, and interesting illustrations.

Here are some tips for successfully reading aloud to your child:

- Read to your child every day starting from the time he/she is born.
- Have fun while reading: use different voices for characters, adjust your tone and speed during different parts of the book, even sing the book if possible.
- Always make sure you enjoy your reading time together. Reading should not be a chore.
- Encourage your child to discover new things in the book. Have him/her point out letters he/she knows, words he/she can recognize or something funny or special in the illustrations. Make it into a game.
- Read at least three books a day. It is fine to read the same book over and over. That is how children catch on to reading.
- Allow your child to see you reading for yourself every day, whether it is the newspaper or a magazine or book. They will want to imitate your reading habits.
- Enjoy the fun part of reading. Spend time together, laugh and be silly together as you share your favorite stories.